

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: <b>BLOCK-BASED ENCODING AND</b>	)	
<b>DECODING INFORMATION</b>	)	Confirmation No.: 8061
<b>REFERENCE SYSTEM AND</b>	)	
<b>METHOD</b>	)	

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.